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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO APPROVE TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF THE
ALTERNATIVE SERVICES FOR YOUTH CONTRACT NUMBER 75986
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT:

Termination for Convenience of the Alternative Services for Youth (ASFY) Contract Number 75986 with New Directions for Youths, Inc., effective June 30, 2009, due to a budgetary curtailment.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the Termination for Convenience of the ASFY Contract Number 75986 with New Directions of Youths, Inc., effective June 30, 2009, due to a budgetary curtailment and as deemed to be in the best interests of the County.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Pursuant to Provision 52.0 of Contract Number 75986, the Termination for Convenience clause allows termination of the contract when the County, deems such action, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Due to budgetary curtailment of non-mandated services, DCFS finds it is in the best interest of the County that the ASFY contract terminates effective June 30, 2009, at the end of FY 2008-09.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The requested actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal 2 Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The Maximum Annual Contract Sum is One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000), financed with 100 percent net County cost (NCC). A minimum cost saving of \$800,000 is realized when the contract terminates, on June 30, 2009. No funding for this contract has been included in the Department's FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget. Funding was curtailed as part of the Department's required 7 percent NCC curtailment.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

ASFY is a County-wide voluntary program designed for approximately 640 DCFS youth ages 14 to 18 years old, who are in out-of-home care, receiving permanent placement services and identified as "high/high-risk." The "high/high-risk" population consists of youth with poor educational achievement and/or placement stability issues. The program prepares these youths to meet the challenges of emancipation and transition from childhood to adulthood to become responsible, productive and healthy adults. AFSY services include mentoring, tutoring, and life skills support services for youths who seek to resolve various educational, personal, and social challenges.

This contract was adopted on December 19, 2006, with an effective date of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, with two (2) one-year options to extend through December 31, 2009. All options have been exercised. On April 30, 2009, New Directions for Youths, Inc. was sent a stop work notice, pursuant to the contract provision "Termination for Convenience," pending Board approval to terminate for convenience effective June 30, 2009.

DCFS is actively transitioning the approximately 375 current participating youth to available in-house services that are similar in scope and/or linkages in the community where the youth reside. It is anticipated that all youth will be transitioned by June 30, 2009.

The CEO and County Counsel reviewed this Board letter.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

No additional contracting process is required.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

This action will transition the current foster youth participants to similar services currently available in-house or as community linkages without lapse in services.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, it is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors send an executed copy of the adopted Board letter and amendment to:

1. Department of Children and Family Services
Contracts Administration
Attention: Walter Chan, Manager
425 Shatto Place, Room 400
Los Angeles, California 90020
2. Office of the County Counsel
Social Services Division
Attention : Diane Cachernaut, Paralegal
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500 West Temple Street Suite 602
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Respectfully submitted,



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